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I am strongly opposed to the current version of the "Proposed Final Judgement" in the Microsoft case.

In particular, the definitions in Section III(J)(2) and Section III(D) that allow Microsoft to exclude not-for-profit organizations for access to their source code.

MICROSOFT MUST BE FORCED TO PUBLISH ITS SOURCE CODE FOR ANY PRODUCT THAT INTERACTS WITH THE INTERNET. Specifically, any product that uses IP services must be available for inspection by anyone.

Microsoft is plenty clever (and devious) enough to find ways to keep some of its code secret. That's fine with me, but they should not be allowed to subvert the open protocols that run the internet.

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